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Title: METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY
ACTIVE NATRIURETIC
PEPTIDES AND FOR
IMPROVING THEIR
THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006 (hereinafter, "the Office Action"),
please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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